

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-48. (Canceled).

49. (Currently amended) A laminate package for an energy storage device having two terminals, the package being formed from defined by a single sheet of laminate material that is folded along its length, the package including:

an inner barrier layer for defining a cavity to contain the energy storage device, the inner barrier layer having two opposed portions that are sealingly engaged with each other and from between which the terminals extend from the cavity;

a sealant layer being disposed intermediate the inner barrier layer and at least one of the terminals for sealing the inner barrier layer to that one of the terminals and for offering a barrier to the passage of one or more contaminants into the cavity; and

an outer barrier layer bonded to the inner barrier layer and having a metal layer.

50-54. (Canceled).

55. (Previously presented) A package according to claim 49 wherein the sealant layer is a resin containing between about 5% and 10% ethylene acrylic acid.

56. (Previously presented) A package according to claim 55 wherein the sealant layer contains about 6% to 9% of ethylene acrylic acid.

57. (Canceled).

58. (Previously presented) A package according to claim 49 wherein both of the terminals are formed from aluminium.

59. (Previously presented) A package according to claim 49 wherein the outer barrier layer includes a plastics layer bonded to the outside of the metal layer.

60. (Previously presented) A package according to claim 59 wherein the plastics layer is about 30 μm thick.

61. (Previously presented) A package according to claim 59 wherein the plastics layer includes any one or more of polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polyvinylidene chloride (PVdC), and polypropylene (PP).

62-69. (Canceled).

70. (New) A laminate package for an energy storage device having two terminals, the package comprising:

a sheet of laminate material folded along the length, comprising
an inner barrier layer for defining a cavity to contain the energy storage device,
the inner barrier layer having two opposed portions that are sealingly engaged with each other and from between which the terminals extend from the cavity,
a sealant layer being disposed intermediate the inner barrier layer and at least one of the terminals for sealing the inner barrier layer to that one of the terminals and for offering a barrier to the passage of one or more contaminants into the cavity, and
an outer barrier layer bonded to the inner barrier layer and having a metal layer.